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Gottwald went to Slovakia in January 1948, ostensibly for a vacation, but he secretly flew on to Moscow to obtain Russian support for the Communist bid for power. The purpose of Zorin's visit to Prague was to inform Benes that the Communists could have Moscow's backing in their assumption of complete power. On 20 January directives telling the Ministry of the Interior to prepare for legal elections were suddenly revoked and secret orders were issued for the seizure of power.

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[] learned a year ago from the Russians that one important date in their time table is the Communization of the Continent of Europe by 1952.

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